

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are pending. The Examiner indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a blind trimming apparatus, classified in class 83, subclass 613; and
- II. Claims 19-21, drawn to a method of trimming a blind assembly, classified in class 83, subclass 13.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single invention. By this Response, Applicant respectfully elects, without traverse, invention I relating to Claims 1-18 and cancels Claims 19-21, thereby leaving Claims 1-18.

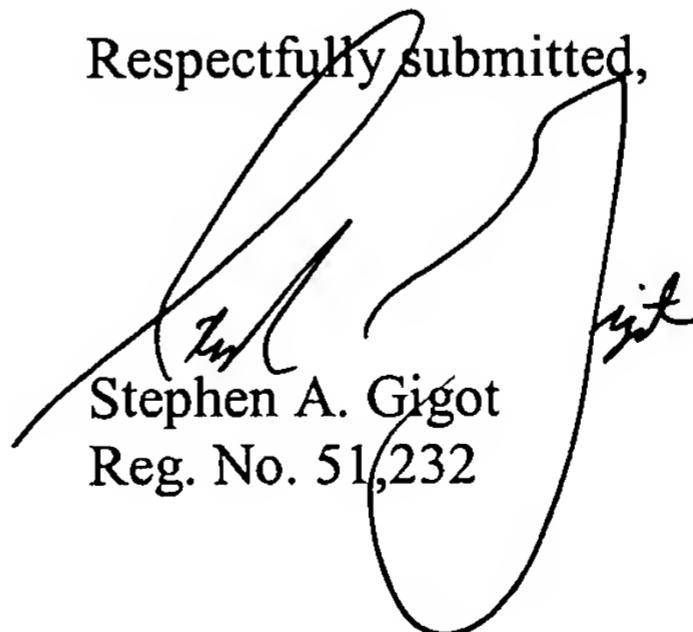
Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected invention II and other aspects of the application in one or more divisional patent applications if the restriction requirement is upheld.

Claim 10 has been amended to remove a minor typographical error.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, examination of the current application on the merits is respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

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